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Lyle Jaffe,

I am writing to let you know I strongly support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (98P-0203/CP). There are increasingly too many cruel act performed on animals, from tests to our food, to circuses to animal abuse among the public. We do not need more. Our world needs to become more animal friendly and then perhaps we will become more human friendly also.

The public is becoming increasingly aware of the cruelties performed on animals, and there are more vegetarians than ever before. Substitutes are available. If you are not personally aware of these conditions, please read PETA's Animal Times of Spring 1999. The condition in which hens must live in atrocious. It sickens me to know they must live that way for a meal, it is not worth it. Please place the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens high on your list. Animals can not speak for themselves, but still feel. Please help them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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